

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Public Services - Revenue Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri K. Venkata Krishnaiah, former Tahsildar, Kajipet Mandal, Kadapa District - Trapped on 28.5.2007 - Disciplinary proceedings under rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 read with rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 initiated - Enquiry conducted - Punishment of withholding 50% pension and gratuity permanently - Imposed - Orders - Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE - II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No. 548**

**Dated: 25-10-2013.**

**Read the following:-**

- 1) From the D.G., A.C.B., Hyderabad, Rc.No.90/RCT-TCD/2007, dt.23.8.2007.
- 2) From Sri K. Venkata Krishnaiah, MRO, representation, dt:3.12.2007.
- 3) G.O.Ms.No. 431 Revenue (Vig.II) Department dt. 04.03.2009
- 4) G.O.Rt.No. 413 Revenue (Vig.II) Department dt. 04.03.2009.
- 5) Written Statement of Defence of Sri K.V.Krishnaiah, formerly Tahsildar, Khajipet Mandal Kadapa District, dt.27.3.2009.
- 6) G.O.Rt.No.1348, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, dt.11.9.2009.
- 7) From the Commissioner of Inquiries, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad, D.O.Lr.No.1126/COI-SB/2009, dated 30.07.2010.
- 8) Govt. Memo.No.42472/Vig.II(2)/2007-3, dt.27.08.2010.
- 9) Representation of Sri K.Venkata Krishnaiah, former M.R.O.(now retired), dt.20.09.2010.
- 10) Govt. Memo No.42472/Vig.II(2)/2007-3, Dt:19.3.2013.
- 11) From Sri K. Venkata Krishnaiah, Tahsildar (Retired), representation, dt:5.5.2013.
- 12) Govt. Letter No.42472/Vig.II(2)/2007-4, Dt: 8.7.2013.
- 13) From the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, Letter No.1598/RT/3/2013, Dt: 29.7.2013.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Director General, Anti- Corruption Bureau has informed that Sri K.Venkata Krishnaiah, while working Tahsildar Kazipet (M), Kadapa district was trapped by Anti-Corruption Bureau authorities on 28.05.2007 on the demand and acceptance of bribe of Rs. 2000/- through Sri P.Radha Krishnaiah, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector from the complainant Sri Sanepalli Bayyapu Reddy for doing official favour of issuing small farmer certificates in the name of Sri Bayyapu Reddy and his wife. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad has recommended to prosecute Sri K.V.Krishnaiah, Tahsildar, Kazipet (M), Kadapa District in a court of law. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Sri K. Venkata Krishnaiah, Mandal Revenue Officer has submitted a representation and Government after examination of the matter, have decided to conduct departmental enquiry into the matter.

2. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, sanction was accorded under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 to initiate departmental proceedings against Sri K. Venkata Krishnaiah, Tahsildar (retired on 31.5.2008) and in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, charges were framed against the individual on the above allegation of corruption; with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

3. In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Charged Officer submitted his written statement of defence and after examination of the matter, Government appointed Dr.Subhrendu Bhattacharya, I.A.S., Member, Commissioner of Inquiries to enquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer, in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above.

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4. In the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above, the Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, has furnished inquiry report and held that charges are proved against the Charged Officer.

5. In the reference 8<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have communicated a copy of the enquiry report to the Delinquent Officer Sri K.Venkata Krishnaiah, formerly Tahsildar, Kazipet Mandal, Kadapa District (retired) for his representation.

6. In the reference 8<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri K. Venkata Krishnaiah, retired Tahsildar has submitted his representation stating that the Mandal Revenue Inspector (Sri Radha Krishnaiah) had kept an amount of Rs.2,000/- on his table on 28.5.2007 and went away in a hurry. Neither the complainant Sri S. Bayyapu Reddy nor Sri P.Radha Krishnaiah had stated to the Anti Corruption Bureau that he demanded bribe. The complainant also deposed in the enquiry that the MRI only demanded the bribe amount and he was innocent and the transaction was took place between the complainant and the Mandal Revenue Inspector, but he was made a scape goat. The Inquiry Authority has not appreciated the facts and gave findings that charge is proved. He has requested to drop further action against him.

7. Government have carefully examined the matter keeping in view the charges and findings of the Enquiry Officer as well as the explanation of the Charged Officer, and taken a provisional decision to impose a punishment of withholding of 50% pension and gratuity on Sri K.Venkata Krishnaiah, formerly Tahsildar, Kazipet Mandal, Kadapa District, Kadapa (now retired). Accordingly, communicated the above provisional decision to the Delinquent Officer, Sri K.Venkata Krishnaiah, formerly Tahsildar, Kazipet Mandal, Kadapa District, Kadapa (now retired) for his representation, vide reference 10<sup>th</sup> read above.

8. In the reference 11<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri K. Venkata Krishnaiah, retired Tahsildar has submitted his representation and stated that the complainant Sri S. Bayyapu Reddy has filed complaint only against the Mandal Revenue Inspector and not against him. The Mandal Revenue Inspector (Sri Radha Krishnaiah) kept Rs.2,000/- on his table in a hurry and when he asked him why he was keeping the money, he went out without answering him and he had kept the money in his pocket with an intention to hand it over to him afterwards. He has stated that the observations of the Inquiring Authority that he could not ask the Mandal Revenue Inspector to remove the money from his table, are contrary, as the Mandal Revenue Inspector left without heeding him. Hence acceptance of bribe by him is not supported by any evidence and he has requested to drop further action against him.

9. Government have examined the contentions of the Delinquent Officer that that the complainant lodged the complaint against Mandal Revenue Inspector and not against him; and observes that in the complaint petition, the complainant though finally requested the Anti-Corruption Bureau authorities to take action against the Mandal Revenue Inspector; in the said complaint petition itself it was clearly mentioned that “when the complainant met the Mandal Revenue Inspector, the Mandal Revenue Inspector went inside the room of the Tahsildar and returned to his seat and told to the complainant for payment of bribe of Rs.2,000/- for Tahsildar and Rs.1,000/- for him”. As per the post trap proceedings, on 28.5.2007, the complainant paid the bribe amount of Rs.3,000/- to Mandal Revenue Inspector and the Anti-Corruption Bureau recovered Rs.1,000/- from the Mandal Revenue Inspector and recovered Rs.2,000/- from the Tahsildar. Hence his contention that the Mandal Revenue Inspector kept the amount in a hurry and went away and he had no time to call the Mandal Revenue Inspector back is not a justifiable reason, as the tainted amount of Rs.2,000/- was recovered from him and the scene of offence corroborated the allegation made in the complaint petition against the Mandal Revenue Inspector as well as on the Tahsildar. Hence, Sri K. Venkata Krishnaiah, Tahsildar (now Retd.) was erred in receiving the amount and keeping in his pocket and the Commissioner of Inquiries who conducted inquiry into the matter also held that the charge was

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Proved against the Charged Officer. Accordingly, Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision ie, withholding 50% pension and gratuity permanently against the individual and addressed the A.P. Public Service Commission for their concurrence. In the reference 13<sup>th</sup> read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission has communicated the consent of the Commission to impose the above punishment against the individual (copy enclosed).

10. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby impose the punishment of withholding 50% pension and gratuity permanently against Sri K. Venkata Krishnaiah, formerly Tahsildar, Khazipet Mandal, Y.S.R. District (now Retired), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Copy of the advice of the A.P. Public Service Commission, dt: 29.7.2013, as required under rule 23 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 is herewith furnished to the individual.

11. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP., Hyderabad shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**S.P. SINGH**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP., Hyderabad.

The District Collector, Y.S.R. District.

Sri K. Venkata Krishnaiah, Tahsildar (Retd.) (w.e)

Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP., Hyderabad.

(with a request to serve the G.O on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, AP, Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad.

The Revenue (CT.I ) Department.

PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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SECTION OFFICER